HIS MAJESTIES GRACIOUS

LETTER

To the Meeting of the Estates of His Ancient Kingdom of

SCOTLAND.

WILLIAM R.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE Commissioners sent by you have presented your Letter to Us, with your Petition, or Claim of Right, the Grievances, and your Address for turning you into a Parliament, which were all read in Our Presence; after which the Queen and We did take and Sign the Oath tendered to Us by your said Commissioners, which by (GOD's assistance) we will Religiously observe.

At Our first Engaging in this Undertaking, We had particular Consideration and Regard for *Scotland*, and therefore We Emitted a Declaration for That as well as this Kingdom, which We intend to make Good and Effectual to you, and you shall always find Us ready to Protect you, and assist you in making such Laws as may secure your Religion, Liberties, and Properties, and Prevent or Redress whatever may be justly Grievous to you.

We shall never believe, That the true Interest of the People and the Crown can be opposite; and shall always account that Our greatest Prerogative, to Enact such Laws as may promote Truth, Peace, and Wealth in Our Kingdoms.

At your Desire, We have resolved to turn you (who are the full Representatives of the Nation) into a Parliament; But because the Instructions to Our Commissioner, and other things Necessary, cannot be expected before the Twenty one instant, to which you are Adjourned; Therefore We do Authorize you to Adjourn your Selves to the Fifth day of *June* next, against which time you are to Require all your Members to be Present; That then you may proceed with Unity, and Alacritie, to dispatch what Affairs do most conduce to the Right Settlement of that Nation. And as We do assure you, on Our part, that We will not put the Advantages the Crown may have, in the Ballance, with the True Interest of the Kingdom: So We do expect on yours, that (all Animosities, and private Interests being laid aside) you will Cheerfully Concur with Us, in settling the welfare of the Kingdom, by such Laws as may procure your own Happiness, and establish the Publick Good. And so We bid you heartily farewell.

Given at Our Court, at Hampton-Court, *the seventeenth day of* May, *One Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Nine, and of Our Reign the first Year.*

By His Majesties Command,

MELVILL.

A PROCLAMATION, Adjourning the Meeting of Estates to the Fifth Day of June.

Edinburgh, May 24. 1689.

FOr asmuch as the Kings Majesty, by a Letter under His Royal Hand to the Meeting of the Estates of this Kingdom, hath signified, that at their desire His Majesty has Resolved to turn them into a Parliament, and Authorized them to Adjourn themselves to the Fifth day of June next, against which Time they are Appointed to Require all their Members to be present, that then they may proceed to dispatch what Affairs do most conduce to the right Settlement of the Nation. The Estates of this Kingdom, conform to His Majesties Warrand, do Adjourn this Meeting of the Estates, unto the Fifth day of June next; And do Ordain and Require all the Members to be Present and Attend that day, to the Effect mentioned in His Majesties Letter aforesaid, and grants Warrand to Heraulds, Macers, or Pursevants, immediately to pass to the Mercat-Cross of Edinburgh, and there with Sound of Trumpet, to make Publication of these Presents, that none may pretend Ignorance. Extracted forth of the Records of the Meeting of the Estates, by me

Ro. Mackenzie Cls.

LICENSED,

May 31. 1689. *J. FRASER.*

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